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SUBJECT: DOLLAR-GUILDER RATE STEADY IN CALM TRADING

1. ON FIRST TWO DAYS AFTER REOPENING OF OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET, DOLLAR- GUILDER RATE HAS REMAINED STEADY AROUND 2.89 LEVEL, CLOSING MARCH 20 AT 2.8920. TRADING HAS BEEN VERY QUIET. FORWARD RATE HAS REMAINED HIGH (SIX MONTH RATE OF 6 PERCENT, ON ANNUAL BASIS),

REFLECTING EFFECTS OF INTRODUCTION OF NEGATIVE INTEREST RATE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREMIUM PAID FOR "O" GUILDERS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY FOREIGNERS FOR PURCHASE OF DUTCH DEBT SECURITIES, HAS MODERATED TO 3-1/4 PERCENT.

- 2. IN BRIEF TELEVISION INTERVIEW, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT ZIJLSTRA EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT " MONETARY CRISIS IS NOW OVER". " SPECULATION AGAINST DOLLAR THROUGH USE OF EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE CURRENCIES
- IS NOW SO UNATTRACTIVE THAT THERE IS NO MORE DANGER FROM THIS SOURCE", ZIJLSTRA SAID. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE WOULD NOT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF FLOATING.
- 3. CENTRAL BANK SOURCE TELLS US THAT BANK IS PLEASED WITH CALM BEHAVIOR OF EXCHANGE MARKET THUS FAR AND WITH LOWER GUILDER EXCHANGE RATE, ATTRIBUTING FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN LARGE PART TO SIZEABLE NEGATIVE INTEREST RATE ON NONRESIDENT ACCOUNTS WHICH WILL GO INTO EFFECT MARCH 26. CENTRAL BANK HAS NOT INTERVENED IN MARKET IN ANY WAY IN PAST TWO DAYS.

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